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Statement of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Tuesday, February 17, 2015
8:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

in consideration of
HB 1286
RELATING TO ENERGY.

Chair Lee, Vice Chair Lowen, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT) respectfully offers comments on HB 1286, which provides for changes in the planning objectives for the State's facility systems with regard to energy.

DBEDT supports the intent of the legislation as well as the State's existing overall planning goals, and the objectives and policies for energy facility systems as set out in Chapter 226-18, Hawaii Revised Statutes. DBEDT reiterates the Administration's intent to achieve total energy independence for Hawaii and achieve a 100% renewable energy portfolio in the electricity sector and cost-effective conservation of energy as key components of the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative framework.

DBEDT defers to the Office of Planning on how to best incorporate the intent of this measure into the State Planning Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments regarding HB 1286.

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Brad Parsons	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Robert Freitas Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill!!!

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Shannon Rudolph	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Oppose. The bill sounds good in theory but in practice, a slippery slope. Companies will not want to give you their profits from LNG and will fight a 'transition'.. and we will have blown another decade switching to clean, renewable energy sources. It's ridiculous that we aren't skipping this 'middle step', and go all in on solar, wave energy, hydro. Keep in mind, much of this gas is from fracking someone else's backyard; contaminating their air quality and precious aquifers. LNG is not pono.

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1286, SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS

Chair Lee and members of the Energy & Environmental Protection Committee:

The Blue Planet Foundation supports HB 1286, implementing state policy to: (i) eliminate Hawai'i's dependence on imported fuels for electrical generation and ground transportation; (ii) encourage utility models that prioritize the social and financial interests of ratepayers; and (iii) ensure that fossil fuels such as liquefied natural gas be used (if at all) on a transitional, limited-term basis and do not impede the development of local renewable resources.

We suggest two important changes. First, we believe that many decisions relevant to these policy initiatives will be made in the regulatory sector. Thus, the language in HB 1286 is equally applicable to H.R.S. Chapter 269, and will likely have more impact if placed within the context of that chapter. Second, we request that the adjective "cleaner" be eliminated in reference to liquefied natural gas. This phrase may be misleading, particularly to the extent that lifecycle emissions related to natural gas can be equal to or greater than emissions from other fossil fuels.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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HAWAII RENEWABLE ENERGY ALLIANCE BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION

HB 1286 Relating to Energy

February 17, 2015

Chair Lee, Vice-Chair Lowen and members of the Committee I am Warren Bollmeier, testifying on behalf of the Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance ("HREA"). HREA is an industry-based, nonprofit corporation in Hawaii established in 1995. Our mission is to support, through education and advocacy, the use of renewables for a sustainable, energy-efficient, environmentally-friendly, economically-sound future for Hawaii. One of our goals is to support appropriate policy changes in state and local government, the Public Utilities Commission and the electric utilities to encourage increased use of renewables in Hawaii.

The purpose of HB 1286 is to provide that fossil fuels such as liquefied natural gas be used only as a transitional, limited-term, and cleaner replacement of petroleum for electricity generation and not impede the development and use of renewable energy sources.

HREA **supports** the intent of this measure and offers the following comments for the Committee's consideration:

- 1) Section 226-18. By eliminating the phrase "*where the ratio of indigenous to imported energy use is increased*" (p.1; l. 9-11) in this measure appears to remove the emphasis on **indigenous conservation, energy efficiency** and **renewables** that has guided our efforts to these many years. Perhaps the following phrase could be inserted *after* the word *through* (l.11) and *before* the word "*the*":

"increased use of conservation, energy efficiency and renewables and"

Note: there is a bit of a "rub" with the phrase "imported fuels" as some of the fuels we import are already renewable, which we believe contributes to energy security (e.g., reducing to oil imports from non-U.S. sources). And that need may extend far into our future.

- 2) Role of the Utilities. We support the new proposed section 5 (p.2, l.2-4), but suggest that the words "**and economy**" after the word "*ratepayers*" and before the word "*first*".

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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